

RESOLUTION 2021-

A RESOLUTION IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE COLLIER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKING FURTHER ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE TENTATIVELY SELECTED PLAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY AS PRESENTED ON APRIL 27, 2021; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- WHEREAS,** in October 2018, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) began work on the Collier County Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study (“Study”); and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of the Study is to promote resiliency and reduce the risk of coastal storm damage through the investigation of solutions in a specific area of Collier County that is more susceptible to life safety risks to residents and economic damage to businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** the identified Study area and its tentatively selected plan disproportionately impacts the City of Naples since much of the coastline in Collier County, including accessible beaches and residential beachfront property is in the City limits; and
- WHEREAS,** the Study will be 100% federally funded pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement to be entered into with Collier County; and
- WHEREAS,** Collier County's projected fair share of the \$2.1 billion dollar cost of the Study recommendations is estimated to be approximately \$750 million, which is a cost that will ultimately be paid in part by the residents of the City; and
- WHEREAS,** since publication of the draft Study, the City of Naples has made numerous attempts to obtain answers from the USACE to questions, concerns, and comments regarding the Study by the City Council, City staff, and residents of the City; and
- WHEREAS,** for example, the City of Naples provided written communication dated September 14, 2020 to the USACE Norfolk District, containing specific questions and concerns and to date no response to the letter has been received. A copy of the City's September 14, 2020; letter is attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution. Although the County responded to the City's letter in less than a month and provided assurances that the City would receive a written response from the USACE, no written response from the USACE has been received to date. A copy of the County's October 1, 2020 letter is attached as Exhibit B; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 27, 2021, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners heard a presentation from the USACE, voted to accept the Study and its tentatively selected plan, and directed the County Manager to sign a non-binding letter to proceed with the Study; and
- WHEREAS,** the City believes several of the proposed solutions in the tentatively selected plan contained in the Study, such as beach renourishment and construction of dunes, may assist in achieving the Study's goals and objectives; however, other proposed solutions, such as construction of shoreline armor and structures creating barriers between beachfront residences and the shore, do not appear to reflect the will of the community and may also result in unintended consequences; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need for more information to be provided to the City and its residents to acquire a true understanding of the impacts of any proposed solutions, which may create a willingness on the part of the City to partner with the USACE in achieving the intended goals

and objectives of the Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPLES, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the above "WHEREAS" clauses are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. That the Naples City Council strongly opposes Collier County Board of County Commissioners taking further action to participate with the USACE to pursue the recommended Study's tentatively selected plan, in the absence of verifiable information from the USACE in response to the questions, comments and concerns from the City and its residents and the scheduling of a public discussion of the Study's tentatively selected plan with the City of Naples City Council regarding the proposed recommendations contained in the Study.

Section 3. That upon further review and discussion, the City may support the Study if the City becomes an integral partner or sponsor of an alternative Locally Preferred Plan ("LLP") that would be smaller in scope and cost, and reflect the community's concerns and interests.

Section 4. That City staff send a copy of this Resolution to each individual County Commissioner and that the Collier County Board of County Commissioners read this Resolution into the record of their meeting on September 14, 2021 at the time discussion of the Study is heard.

Section 5. That City staff send a copy of this Resolution to Congressman Byron Donalds, Senators Rick Scott and Marco Rubio, and the USACE.

Section 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

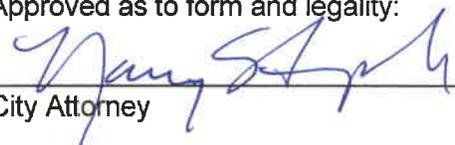
PASSED IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPLES, FLORIDA, THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

Attest:

Patricia L. Rambosk, City Clerk

Teresa Heitmann, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality:



City Attorney

Date filed with City Clerk: _____